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SUBJECT: CONDITION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN FINLAND

REF: WOODS-COOPER LETTER OF JUNE 15 WITH ENCLOSURE; HELSINKI A-9

1. EMBASSY HAS FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS FOR POSSIBLE
INCLUSION IN REF ENCLOSURE.

(A) TO REFLECT THE EXISTENCE OF SOME DEGREE OF SELF-
CENSORSHIP IN FINLAND, EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT SENTENCE
IN ENCLOSURE BEGINNING ON LINE 11 PARA 1 BE AMENDED TO
READ AS FOLLOWS: "THIS LAW, HOWEVER, HAS NEVER BEEN
USED, AS THE FINNISH MEDIA TEND TO BE CAREFUL IN
THEIR TREATMENT OF IMPORTANT FOREIGN STATES."

(B) EMBASSY SUGGESTS ADDITIONAL SENTENCE END OF PARA
1: "FINLAND IS A SIGNATORY OF THE UN CONVENTION ON
REFUGEES, AND ALSO HAS OBLIGATIONS UNDER ITS 1960
BORDER AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIET UNION CONCERNING BORDER
CROSSINGS OF ALIENS."

(C) IN FIRST PARA UNDER ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS,
EMBASSY SUGGESTS INSERTION OF WORD "BASICALLY"
IN FRONT OF THE WORD "EXCELLENT"; SAME SENTENCE
COULD BE ENDED AFTER WORD "POLICY," THUS DELETING
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PHRASE "EXCEPT PERHAPS EMULATION."

2. EMBASSY CONCURS THAT THERE IS NO LEGITIMATE
BASIS FOR US OBJECTIONS TO CONDITION OF HUMAN RIGHTS
IN FINLAND. EMBASSY ALSO AGREES THAT
FINNISH SUPPORT FOR US INITIATIVES IN THE HUMAN
RIGHTS FIELD CAN BE OBTAINED WHEN THEY ARE NOT

VIEWED AS A PROBLEM IN EAST/WEST RELATIONS. GOF
LIKELY TO BE MORE HELPFUL IN DEVELOPMENT OF NEW
AREAS AND NEW EMPHASES IN HUMAN RIGHTS THAN IN
EVALUATING PERFORMANCE IN OTHER COUNTRIES. LATTER
AREA CUTS TOO CLOSE TO SENSITIVITIES INHERENT IN
FINLAND'S GEO-POLITICAL POSITION.
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